

## Mayor's Message

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Have you heard about the new experiment Google is undertaking? We are very excited about it here in Murray because it would be a perfect fit for us. All of you, as residents and businesses, can play a key role in helping us be successful as the city selected for the experiment.

Google is launching an experiment to make Internet access better and faster for everyone. They are planning to build a super high-speed fiber network that would deliver information almost 100 times faster than most people have in America, unless they are attached to a fiber network, like a lot of you are in our City. Google states that they will offer service at a competitive price. They would like to offer connections for between 50,000 to 500,000 locations.

Why are we such a good fit for this experiment? We are part of a 'fiber to the home system' and have been working for several years to provide this technology infrastructure for Murray residents. The fiber is currently available in about 60% of our City, so we are ready for easy build out and final 'to the home' or business connection. We know what it takes to put this infrastructure in place and believe this is a valuable service now and for the future.

There are two parts to the application. We can take care of the local government part, which is the technical information on bringing the fiber to the City. **You can help**, by taking a few minutes to share your interest in having high-speed Internet, by going to the Google website at <http://www.google.com/appserve/fiberrfi/public/options>. There is a short survey to take and a place to make comments about why you like the idea of Murray City as a Google experiment participant. We want to show them that **Murray Loves Fiber**, which is a logo we are promoting as part of the application. More information is also on our City website at [www.murray.utah.gov](http://www.murray.utah.gov). **Please** consider taking a few minutes to support this great effort. The application is due by March 26<sup>th</sup>, so please do it as soon as possible.

Staying competitive in a world-wide marketplace is key to the success of our nation, state and city. I believe that fiber to each home and business will be a necessity as technology improves and changes. Your interest and input will make a difference in this process. Thank you for your consideration of this request. With your help we can make this happen!